

YVSC FIRST NORTHERN RIVERS CRUISE 2007

Saturday This was the weekend of the Thurne Mouth Open Regatta so if anyone came through the racing you probably felt intimidated as we did. We were the last to arrive at How hill and had our meal, socialised for a short while then turned in, little did we know that this was to be the best day of the cruise.

Sunday Was a cool fine morning but the weather was about to change.

After breakfast we motored to Barton broad, for what was to be a challenging sail for some, although most continued to motor straight across the broad for the shelter of Paddy's Lane as the rain was now starting to set in. We all met up for a nice warm cup of tea and a chat on one another's boats in the afternoon.

Paul came down from the village to visit and did not leave until late in the evening as the hospitality was very good on Mezereon.

We then returned to our yachts and battened down the hatches for a very wet and windy night.

Monday Most motored down the river Ant to Sutton which was looking very bleak in the poor conditions, we had a brief sail in Bella on Barton broad but the wind was gusting very hard and we gave up after 45 minutes then motored up to Sutton in the pouring rain, confined to the boats all afternoon we then went to Sutton staithe for an evening meal after which many went to Mezurion for a night cap, in the poor light Brian managed to spill a glass of wine and was confused as to where all the wine had gone until he lifted his cap and found it soaked with wine thus adding another meaning to having a nightcap.

Tuesday We had to go to work today so thought we were going to miss out on writing the rest of this report but no this was the end, everybody bar one admitted defeat and headed home including Gary, Linda and Ben on Mezereon who had to travel back to the southern rivers.

Wednesday Only one left out the intrepid Alan Winters who never gives up and lasted the whole week.

Mark, Sharron & Bella June 2007